

Miller & Rhoads.

A Group of Bargains For New Year's Day

\$1 For White Waists
Whose Former Price Was \$1.98.
Beautifully made and trimmed white waists in Canvas cloth and Pique—Heavy winter weights.

\$4.50 for Peter Thomson Suits Worth \$6.50.
All wool Serge suits for children between 2 and 6 years old—been \$6.50 all fall—now \$4.50.

\$10.89 for an English China Dinner Set
100 pieces, underglazed decorations with border patterns—one shade of blue and two of green—only four sets, but four of the best—price that have ever been in the house.

75c for Flannelette Gowns
Reduced From \$1.00.
About 15 of them in fancy stripes and plain white.
Little soiled from moving. All sizes.

19c for Granite Sauce-Pans
That Used to Sell for 25c.
Seamless Sauce-pans and deep pudding-pans holding 5 quarts.
First-class Granite-ware in every way. No seconds.

German Linen Table Sets \$2.50.
Pure Linen—Silver bleach, that will wear—we were going to say almost forever—but they'll outwear anything else you can get at this price.
Medium size cloth with a dozen napkins.

Plenty of other bargains throughout the store—these we quote are only intended as sign boards, pointing the way to where the others are.

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See our advertisement on woman's page of this evening's News Leader.

THE LEGISLATURE STILL INACTIVE

For the Third Time Neither Branch Was Able to Muster a Quorum.

Neither house of the General Assembly could muster a quorum yesterday, though the House showed an improvement on the attendance of the day before, the roll call having apparently had its effect upon the absentees. Aside from the calling of the roll, however, and granting a few leaves of absence, nothing could be done.

In the Senate there was no more hope of a quorum than on the day before, and nothing could be attempted in the direction of the transaction of business. There was nothing to do but adjourn until to-day with small prospect of any better results than.

The Senate fell back a peg yesterday in the matter of attendance, there being fewer present than on Wednesday. Only fifteen senators were in their seats yesterday.

Lieutenant-Governor Willard called the Senate to order at noon, and it was apparent that there was not the requisite number present to do business, the body immediately adjourned until noon to-day. Among the new arrivals were Senator Lupton, of Frederick.

Among the visitors present were Congressman L. G. Southall, of Amelia, who was in conference with Senator Mann and Judge Watkins, both from his district.

There being still no prospect of a quorum of the Committee for Courts of Justice, Senator McIlwaine, chairman of that committee, left for his home in Petersburg upon adjournment of the Senate.

To-day being a national holiday, the prospect of a quorum of the Senate is not encouraging. In fact, it is generally believed now that the session will be done until Monday, January 4th 1904. That will leave eight days for disposing of the mass of business on hand, assuming that the General Assembly will work up to the limit of its life, January 13th.

The House was called to order at noon by Speaker Ryan, and there was no prayer.

Upon roll call, the following members answered to their names:
Messrs. W. W. Baker, Banks, Boaz, Bruce, Cardwell, Carter, Christian, Cumming, Duke, Edmondson, Edwards, Featherston, Folkes, Fulton, Goodwin, Graves, Green, Harman, Heermann, Kelley, Lassiter, Leake, Lewis, Linn, Newhouse, Orrain, Owens, Quisenberry, Rice, Schell, Stearnes, Toney, Waddy, Walker, Wallace, West, Whitehead and Mr. Speaker—40.

Messrs. Gent, of Russell, and Jennings, of Lynchburg, were granted leaves of absence on account of illness.

Mr. Gardner, of Henrico, was absent on leave, and Mr. Cantel came in just as the roll call was completed, so there were actually forty-one members present in the House.

The body, at 12:06 P. M., adjourned until noon to-day, on motion of Mr. West, of Louisa.

RAILROAD NEWS.

The elevation of Mr. James M. Barr from vice-president and general manager of the Seaboard Air Line Railway to the presidency of the system has given rise to many comments as to the value of this gentleman as a practical director of great railway enterprises. He is said to be a quiet, unassuming man, but one thoroughly familiar with every detail of railway work. He has been very successful in putting railway properties on a paying basis, and has the art of getting the best and the greatest degree of service from the employees of a line with which he is connected. Some years ago Mr. Barr was made vice-president of the Norfolk and Western Railroad, and made his connection with that property more permanent by purchasing it, and reducing expenditures, finally putting the road on a paying basis. At that time, it is understood, he was given a salary of \$10,000 per annum. He went from the Norfolk and Western to the Seaboard at a salary of \$15,000. It is reported that he came to the vice-presidency and general management of the Seaboard at a salary of \$30,000 to \$35,000 per year. His elevation to the presidency will, it is said, mean no further increase of salary, but merely of rank and title.

All the passenger offices of the railways in this city will be closed to-day, tickets being on sale at the railway stations, but not at the office offices. This is usual. Business has not been very brisk for several days, and there is no necessity for keeping the offices open.

The general offices of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway will probably close at noon to-day, and the army of employees will enjoy a half holiday. The force in the offices of the president and general manager will probably be at their desks

the greater part of the day. No official changes of any sort have been announced at the close of the year, and the day will be very largely as others have been. Captain James Gallagher, agent of the Old Dominion Steamship Company in this city, who has been spending the holidays at Baltimore, has returned to the city.

Captain C. W. Westbury, of the Eastern Railway passenger department, has gone to West Point to spend the holiday.

Special round trip rate tickets are still on sale at the various railway stations, limited for return passage to January 5th. At the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway offices yesterday it was stated that sales of holiday tickets had been very brisk. The New Year tickets will be on sale to-day also.

Passenger travel over the various railways continues fairly heavy, owing to the return home of the crowds which left Richmond to visit old homes or friends at other points.

YOUNG THAMES WAS PARDONED BY GOVERNOR

Governor Montague yesterday granted a conditional pardon to J. R. Thames of Mecklenburg county, and his father, Mr. J. W. Thames, took the youth home last night, both being in a very happy frame of mind. The case is an interesting one. The youth, then but sixteen years of age, was convicted of participating in a white-capping expedition early last spring. He was tried and convicted and given two years in the penitentiary, his term having begun on the 6th of last May.

Thames stood well at home, and the penitentiary, and so strong was the belief that he was innocent that His Excellency yielded to the appeal of mercy.

City Hall to Close.

All the offices in the City Hall, save that of Collector Cunningham, will be closed to-day, and the officers and clerks will enjoy the holiday as they see fit. They will all open at the usual hour to-morrow.

The Virginia State Insurance Company has assets exceeding \$500,000, and surplus to policyholders of \$300,000. T. L. ALFRIEND & SON, Agents.

CASTORIA For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of *Wm. D. Little*

Practice what you preach, and keep your money at home by insuring with the Virginia State. A. L. PLEASANTS, Agent.

CUT FLOWERS, ROSES, VIOLETS

The largest stock of Roses, Violets, Lilies of the Valley, Chrysanthemums and Cut Flowers, Bridal Bouquets and Wedding, shipped to all points. W. A. HAMMOND, No. 107 E. Broad St.

FLORIDA AND THE SOUTHLAND

ATLANTIC COAST LINE.
The quickest route by one hour and five minutes, traversed by trains superb in every appointment, composed of the lightest standard Pullman Sleeping, Drawing, Room, Observation, Library and Dining Cars, cuisine the best, the markets at every served table de hotel. Tickets are now on sale by this line to all principal Winter Tourist Resorts in Georgia, Florida, Cuba, New Providence and the Southwest, at very low rates. For descriptive matter and information, apply to any agent of the company, or

C. S. CAMPBELL, Jr., Division Passenger Agent, 825 E. Main St., Richmond, Va.

Dollars are good things. Keep them at home by insuring with the Virginia State. CLAPIN & HUME, Agents.

TRYON THE DELIGHTFUL.

The Minerva Inn, at Tryon, N. C., will be opened for the season January 1st, 1904. Tryon, with its dry, balmy atmosphere, its a delightful section in which to spend the winter and spring months and is best reached by the Southern Railway. Excursion tickets on sale all the year.

If you insist on it, any agent in Richmond can give you a policy in the Virginia State. T. L. ALFRIEND & SON, Agents.

Combine sentiment with horse sense and get your policy from the Virginia State, a home institution. W. A. CRENshaw, Agent.

CAPT. MC CARTHY IS OUT FOR MAYOR

He Issues Another Reminder of His Candidacy.

Captain Carlton McCarthy, the popular and efficient City Accountant, is in the field for Mayor. It will be recalled that some time ago Captain McCarthy said he would run, and in further announcement of his candidacy, yesterday he said:

"On the 8th of July last you published for me the following card:

"Since several persons have been publicly mentioned and suggested as suitable candidates for the office of Mayor at the next election, I am constrained to announce my own candidacy now, though I had not intended to do so before 1904. In order that no one may truthfully call me the third candidate.

It is my purpose, until 1904, nor privately, unless I am approached by persons interested in my candidacy.

"Now, in accordance with the announcement made then, the subject is resumed, only to say that, so far as I am concerned, the municipal campaign of 1904 opens to-day."

AT THE ACADEMY.

About as intricate piece of stage mechanism as has ever been devised in order to produce light effects or the stage, is the switchboard used in Kealey & Shannon's production of "Sherlock Holmes." This electrical arrangement is enclosed in a large oak box, five and one-half feet high by two feet, seven inches wide, and weighs 900 pounds. There are thirty-one switches, to which are attached 500 feet of copper cable. This cable is composed of a series of strands of wire, which, if placed end to end, would extend over five miles. Three hundred and twelve thirty-two candle power and forty-eight sixteen candle power incandescent lamps are used, together with five are bulbs of 3,000 candle power intensity. In order to create the wonderful light effects which have astounded theatre-goers of two continents.

A secret composition known only to the maker, is used in their construction. In order to illustrate how perfect they are, a light can be trimmed down so imperceptibly that the onlooker does not notice each graduation and only realizes the fact that the light is dimmed by the normal rate. A wonderful evolution, indeed, from the rush lights and candles used in the days of Shakespeare, Clibber, Garrick and others of "Ye Olde Time Drama" to electricity's handiwork in the Gillette-Doyle drama, "Sherlock Holmes."

Herbert Kealey and Effie Shannon and a string company, at the Academy, will present this theatrical success of the decade, this afternoon and to-night.

Rose Coghlan.

Miss Rose Coghlan and a specially selected company will appear at the Academy Saturday, matinee and night, in "The Greatest Thing in the World." It is the story of a woman in fashionable society battling against the hereditary taint of drunkenness as it develops in the eldest of her sons. The dramatists have made the battle well conducted, and the episodes are of a high order. It is a story of a woman in fashionable society battling against the hereditary taint of drunkenness as it develops in the eldest of her sons. The dramatists have made the battle well conducted, and the episodes are of a high order. It is a story of a woman in fashionable society battling against the hereditary taint of drunkenness as it develops in the eldest of her sons. The dramatists have made the battle well conducted, and the episodes are of a high order.

Vaudeville Bill.

The Ross and Fenton vaudeville bill at the Bijou Theatre is delighting appreciative audiences at each performance. There were two performances yesterday, both of which delighted the play-goers. There will be a last matinee to-morrow, with performances to-night and to-morrow night.

Double Bill Next Week.

Next week Manager McKee will present a double bill—giving two plays during the week. Beginning Monday and concluding Wednesday night, "The Great Heart" and "The Heart of a Mother," which is said to be one of the most thrilling and exciting, will be the attraction.

New Year's Matinee.

There will be a special New Year's Day matinee at the Bijou at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon.

THE FEDERAL BUILDING NEW YEAR OFFICE HOURS

"It takes \$25 per week to run the post-office during the holidays," said Postmaster Wray T. Knight yesterday, and on the other hand the office sells fewer stamps during the holidays. The office appears busy, because of the crowds of people in the office with packages, buying a few cents' worth of stamps to-day.

The merchants and business men, whose purchases of stamps make up the real business of the office, are busy during the holidays. They have now begun to make purchases and business is assuming something of its normal aspect.

The clerical and business force of the office has been busy all the week making up the annual report of the year's business.

The general postoffice and the sub-postoffice will observe the following New Year's Day schedule: Carriers' delivery, 10 A. M.; stamp window open for sale of stamps, 10 A. M. until noon. Three o'clock closing of mail during the day—until 6 A. M. another at 3 P. M. and another at 7 P. M.

The termination will be held by the local civil service commission beginning Tuesday and extending until Thursday for positions in the United States revenue marine service. Applicants must be between the ages of 18 to 35 years.

Requisition Issued.

Governor Montague yesterday issued a requisition upon the District of Columbia authorities for one B. F. Patterson, who is wanted in Mecklenburg county for forgery.

Close State Offices.

The State offices at the Capitol and Treasury building will close to-day in observance of January 1st, which is a State holiday as well as a national one.

Had Fine Luck.

Governor Montague had fine luck on his little duck hunting expedition Monday, having brought back forty-nine fine birds.

HERE IS WHAT MANY OF YOU HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR!

Beginning this morning, we offer—for one week—the *Unrestricted Choice of*

ANY OF OUR \$20.00 SUITS,
ANY OF OUR \$22.50 SUITS,
HUNDREDS OF OUR \$25.00 SUITS

AT \$14.75 FOR YOUR CHOICE.

It is the Greatest Reduction Sale you have ever known, BECAUSE IT EMBRACES THE BEST CLOTHING YOU HAVE EVER KNOWN.

"GANS-RADY" Clothing is different from all others—it stands for the finest and most exclusive it is possible to make—and every suit in this sale bears that distinction.

Samples of these Suits are on exhibit in our west window.

Gans-Rady Company

THE INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSON FOR JANUARY 3, 1904.

Subject: The Boyhood of Jesus.—Luke xi: 40-52.

By REV. J. E. GILBERT, D. D., Secretary of American Society of Religious Education.

CONNECTION.—The lesson for December 26th, (Matt. 11:1-12), left Jesus a babe in the manger at Bethlehem, worshipped by wise men. Matthew and Luke alone furnish information concerning Him at the time immediately following.

Eight days, fulfilling the law. (Lev. 12:1-8). After the days of purification (Lev. 12:2-8) He was presented in the temple at Jerusalem. Subsequently, to escape the cruel Herod, the holy family sought an asylum in Egypt, and after the death of the blood-thirsty monster they returned to their residence in Nazareth, the home of Joseph. (Luke 1:26).

In that deserted village (John 1:10) Jesus must have pursued the course of training common to the boys at that time, being known as the son of a carpenter. (Matt. 13:55). At least nine years elapsed between the entrance into Nazareth and the events of our present lesson; years of profound quiet they were. The inspired penman having given no account of what transpired.

GROWTH.—Of those years of Jesus in His Nazareth home, the fourth verse of our lesson makes mention under four heads. He "grew," referring, doubtless, to His body, which, free from disease, unfolded normally, like the body of any healthy child. He "waxed strong in spirit," the faculties of his mind manifested vigor, enabling Him to pursue lines of thought. He was "filled with wisdom," displaying sound judgment concerning things about Him. And best of all, the "grace of God was upon Him," the holy spirit illumined His mind and influenced His heart.

The development of Jesus was strictly human, like that of John (Luke 1:15) and of the apostles. (Acts 3:13). How then, can the church affirm that He was more than human? They who ask such questions forget that Luke wrote history. He presented the boy as He appeared to those about Him. The divinity may not have been displayed at that early age, further than a remarkable precocity. It would be revealed in later years, and the record would be made accordingly. (Luke 1:22).

FAITH.—At last Jesus came forth from the obscurity into brief public notice. It occurred when He was twelve years old, at which age a Jewish boy was supposed to have gained sufficient knowledge to choose and act for himself, when he was required to assume obligations as a son of Israel. Up to that age Jesus had been under instruction in the family of Joseph, according to the time honored custom in Israel, and that pious man had regularly performed his religious duties for his entire household. But, having passed his twelfth birthday, He was allowed for the first time to go up to Jerusalem for the Passover. Indeed, the all males of a certain age were required to appear before the Lord, for the law required, before the Lord, that every male of a certain age should appear before the Lord, for the law required, before the Lord, that every male of a certain age should appear before the Lord.

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